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THE NRO STAFF

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NOTE FOR DR. McLUCAS

SUBJECT: FY 74-FY 75 Funding

The following is an update on the current situation regarding potential NRP funding cuts for FY 74 and FY 75. As you know, the House Appropriations Committee recommended in FY 74 a [redacted] reduction to the SDS program. Additionally there were recommendations for reductions of [redacted] million which was to fund the CES [redacted] package and an additional [redacted] million of RDT&E.

After discussions with the IC Staff, I agreed that John Clark would have the initial contact with the Senate Appropriations Committee Staff. If additional information was required or if the Committee desired direct contact, these requests would be passed to the NRO Comptroller or the DNRO. Mr. Guy McConnell, the Committee Staff Assistant who is cleared, agreed to reinstate the [redacted] for SDS and the [redacted] for the CES package. He felt that nothing could be done concerning the [redacted] RDT&E cut. On Friday, November 30, Senator McConnell agreed to this approach. [redacted] has subsequently been able to change the appropriation categories for the [redacted] reduction as follows: [redacted] will be 3600 Appropriation and [redacted] will be 3020 Appropriation. With this minor modification, we can live with the reduction and still stay within the November ExCom decisions.

Also on Friday, Dr. LaBerge and Dr. Currie discussed potential RDT&E cuts in FY 75. They suggested an approximate 10 percent cut to our Special Activities account. This is shown on page 4 of TAB A. It amounts to a proposed reduction of [redacted] and leaves us with a revised program of [redacted].

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Coincidentally, within terms of the November ExCom decision, the NRP requirement for RDT&E funds is [redacted]. Added to this should be [redacted] for U-2 countermeasures which is currently not programmed for FY 75 in either the Air Force or the NRP. The total of the NRP and the U-2 requirements is [redacted] more than the suggested revised program. [redacted] in contact with the people in the Assistant Secretary's office and this difference should be worked out.

In this particular instance the fact that the resulting available funds and requirements came out almost the same, was accidental but also very fortunate. I will continue to keep you informed of new developments.

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